

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRATTSVILLE, NY

**HON. KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Mrs. GILLIBRAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Town of Prattsville, New York, which will be celebrating its 175th Anniversary on August 17th of this year. Named for Zadock Pratt, a tanner and former Member of Congress from Upstate New York, this community in the Catskill Mountains was originally known to the Mohawk Nation as the Onteora hunting grounds. In the early 18th Century, the area was settled by German immigrants and named Schoharie Kill. Throughout the 19th Century, Prattsville thrived as a mill town and commercial hub for the Catskill region.

Prattsville remains a "gem of the Catskills" to this day and is a haven for hikers, artists and sportsmen alike. I congratulate the people of Prattsville and offer the best wishes of this House as they celebrate their community next month.

TRIBUTE TO CHANTLAND  
MATERIAL HANDLING COMPANY

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chantland Material Handling Company (Chantland MHS) in Dakota City, Iowa for earning Monsanto's 2007 Supplier Quality Recognition Award for being one of Monsanto's top and trusted suppliers.

Monsanto has 31,000 suppliers, and Chantland MHS is now one of 75 elite companies that have received the award in the past 21 years. Each company is rated based on their performance, and feedback from Monsanto's manufacturing sites factored heavily into the final decision of the award winners. Chantland MHS supplied 17,000 feet of conveyor systems to Monsanto last year, which has helped Monsanto increase their corn capacity. The Dakota City manufacturing facility employs 86 people and is a leading supplier of bag fillers, conveyors, palletizers, robots and systems.

Chantland MHS, dedication to providing outstanding service and product quality has provided great benefit to the State of Iowa, and for this I offer Chantland MHS my utmost congratulations and thanks. It is an honor to represent Jamie Flot, President and COO, and all the employees of the Chantland MHS, in the United States Congress, and I wish them continued success.

HOUSING AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

**HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 22, 2008*

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Chairman RANGEL and Chairman FRANK for working with the Senate and the Administration to modernize the Federal Housing Administration, provide tax incentives to stimulate the private housing market, and to provide greater oversight of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

By addressing a whole range of issues—from the foreclosure crisis and market concerns about Fannie and Freddie to the new and existing homes that are sitting vacant and further depressing the market—this package represents a significant step toward stabilizing the economy and restoring consumer confidence.

I am proud of the portion of this package that came through the Committee on Ways and Means, which includes a timely, targeted, and well-designed first-time homebuyers credit, a new Federal tax deduction to help families meet rising state property taxes, and an expanded ability of cities and states to raise capital for infrastructure improvements by partnering with the Federal Home Loan Banks.

I am particularly pleased that the package includes a bill that I introduced, which would enable state housing finance agencies to raise capital through tax-exempt mortgage revenue bonds and use these additional funds to help at-risk borrowers to refinance their subprime loans, access mortgages at a fair rate, and enable them to meet their financial obligations and stay in their homes.

Specifically, this legislative language allows state housing finance agencies to—for the first time—use funding raised by mortgage bonds to refinance qualified subprime mortgages. It also increases the current cap on these bonds by \$11 billion to ensure that the housing finance agencies have sufficient capital to fully take advantage of this new ability to help at-risk borrowers in their states.

This provision will work hand in hand with the Federal Housing Administration reforms that have come out of Chairman FRANK's Committee—and it will allow states to play a role in addressing the needs of their local communities.

It is in everybody's interest that we overcome this crisis in the housing market, prevent a deepening of current economic troubles, and maintain our competitive edge in the global economy.

The proposal before us takes a comprehensive, reasonable and balanced approach to this challenge—and it is one that deserves bipartisan support.

IN RECOGNITION OF DELORIS ROACH

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Deloris Roach for 40 years of public service as she retires from the Louis Stokes Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Cleveland, and in recognition of her advocacy and dedication to helping our nation's veterans.

Deloris began her career in public service with the Internal Revenue Service until moving to the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center 32 years ago. Through her dedication to the minority veterans program, she has helped to enroll over 1,000 veterans in the VA Health Care System of Ohio. Deloris has served as the Program Coordinator for the Minority Veterans Affairs Program for ten years, and also served as the Cleveland VA Medical Center's Loaned Executive to the Combined Federal Campaign. As Co-Chair for VA's Combined Federal Campaign, she inspired and encouraged fellow employees to donate, raising a record setting \$267,000. Deloris also helped to raise over \$8,000 in the "Making Strides against Breast Cancer Walk" for the American Cancer Society. Her activism and community involvement reach beyond her work on veteran's issues; she is a lifetime member of Blacks in Government, Co-Chair of the EEO Diversity Action Committee, a member of the American Red Cross Donor Committee, Minority Health Alliance, and the NAACP Minority Health Committee.

Deloris has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the National Minority Veterans Programs Coordinator of the Year in 2001, the Cleveland Federal Executive Board "Wings of Excellence Award" in 2002, and certificates of Special Congressional Recognition for Outstanding Contributions to Veterans and of Appreciation from the State of Ohio. While serving as the Cleveland VA Medical Center's Loaned Executive to the Combined Federal Campaign, she received the Outstanding Leadership and Performance Award. She has also received recognition from various veteran service organizations such as the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Blind Veterans Association, and AMVETS. In 2005, the Department of Veterans Affairs Annual Performance and Accountability Report to the President of the United States, Deloris was recognized for her outstanding work on veteran's affairs.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Deloris Roach, and in recognition of her leadership and inspirational work on veteran's issues and for her commitment to the Greater Cleveland Community.

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## TRIBUTE TO MARY GLESE

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mrs. Mary Glese, principal at Hogan Elementary School in Marshalltown, Iowa, on the occasion of her retirement. I also wish to express my appreciation for Mary's dedication and commitment to the youth of Iowa.

For the past 39 years, Mrs. Glese has contributed her time and talents to improving youths' lives through education and mentoring. She grew up in Ames and graduated from Iowa State University before obtaining her master's degree from the University of Colorado in Boulder. During her career, Mrs. Glese also worked at schools in Minnesota and Mason City as well as a consultant for the Area Education Agency.

Mrs. Glese has truly made a lasting impact on students, family and faculty throughout her illustrious career, and her leadership at Hogan Elementary will certainly be missed by everyone. I consider it an honor to represent Mrs. Mary Glese in the United States Congress, and I wish her and her husband David a happy and healthy retirement.

**MR. JAMES STRAYER****HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and honor that I congratulate Mr. James A. Strayer on his retirement from his position as the Business Manager for the Northwest Indiana Building and Construction Trades Council. Jim, a member of Ironworkers #395 for many years, has dedicated his life to the interests of his fellow tradesman and the entire community in Northwest Indiana. For his lifetime of service to the Ironworkers and the Building Trades Council, Jim will be honored at a retirement dinner taking place at Avalon Manor in Merrillville, Indiana, on August 1, 2008.

Jim Strayer has been a member of the Ironworkers #395 for the past 39 years. During that time, he has held numerous positions. After six years as an Ironworker, Jim became an Apprentice Instructor, a position that allowed him the opportunity to pass on his immense knowledge to some of his younger counterparts. For five years, he fulfilled his duties in this capacity with the determination and enthusiasm that would foreshadow what was to come in Jim's career. As his commitment to leading his union remained, Jim would later be named Business Agent for Ironworkers #395. From there, Jim went on to become the President of the Northwest Indiana Building and Construction Trades Council in 1990. After six successful years in this capacity, Jim was named Business Manager for the Building Trades, the position he has excelled at for the past twelve years.

Northwest Indiana has a rich history of excellence in its craftsmanship and loyalty by its tradesmen. For many years, Jim Strayer has displayed this unwavering dedication to the

members of the Building Trades, and his numerous positions have allowed him the opportunity to touch the lives of countless individuals. Not only has Jim served his local tradesman, but through his work with the Building Trades, he has been a remarkable example of just how much good an organization can do for a community. When it comes to serving those in need throughout the community, the Building Trades has long been one of Northwest Indiana's most generous organizations, as well as one of its greatest assets.

Although Jim has served the Building Trades and his community with complete dedication, it is his commitment to his family that is most impressive. Jim and his devoted wife, Pat, have two sons, Doug and Andy, and one daughter, Rebecca.

Madam Speaker, James Strayer has given his time and efforts selflessly to the tradesmen he has worked with and represented, as well as to the people of Northwest Indiana through the many charitable efforts of the Building Trades Council. He has been a true role model to his peers and a true friend to Northwest Indiana. I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Jim for his outstanding contributions and in wishing him well upon his retirement.

## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF ALVIN AILEY

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Alvin Ailey, a pioneer in the art of modern dance whose work is renowned throughout the world and beloved in his hometown of Harlem. This year, the Dance Theater celebrates 50 years of enriching the lives of audiences throughout the world. The group has since won critical acclaim and has been called an ambassador of American culture.

Today, the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater has performed in 48 states and 71 countries for an estimated 21 million people. By integrating African-American tradition with classic modern dance, Ailey's Dance Theater has created a unique experience that speaks to audiences all over the world.

The innovation and freshness that Alvin Ailey brought to the world of modern dance has forever elevated the standard for performance art and has effectively engaged people of all backgrounds and world views with the Theatre's legendary "Revelations." After 50 years, it is true now more than ever that to watch the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater is to watch art come alive.

## TRIBUTE TO PETER FAUST

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Peter Faust for his longtime dedication to helping persons with disabilities, being an inspiration in his commu-

nity of Clear Lake, Iowa and earning the American Network of Community Options and Resources' (ANCOR's) Direct Support Professional (DSP) of Iowa Award.

Pete has been working at Opportunity Village for 31 years and is the only employee to work with the agency for more than 20 years. In 1994, Pete earned the Shirley Echelbarger Award, which is the highest honor an employee at Opportunity Village can receive. Although Pete must work extra hours just to pay his bills, he continues to work at Opportunity Village because he understands that consistency and familiarity are what his clients need.

Pete's sacrifices and dedication to his clients go above and beyond what we are asked as citizens of this country. His willingness to give a part of himself for the betterment of others illustrates the compassion of Iowans, and for this I offer him my utmost congratulations and thanks. I consider it an honor to represent Peter Faust in the United States Congress, and I wish him the best in his future work serving others.

## DTV TRANSITION ASSISTANCE ACT

**HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, I wish to express my strong support for the passage of S. 2607, the DTV Transition Assistance Act, which will aid rural communities by ensuring that low power translators get the funding needed for digital equipment upgrades. This bipartisan legislation is critical to rural Americans that rely on over the air broadcast television as their main conduit to entertainment, news and even lifesaving information in emergency situations. That is why I joined with Representatives Walden and Boucher, the Co-Chairs of the DTV Caucus, in introducing similar legislation.

Under current law, \$65 million has been set aside for the upgrade of low powered translators for the DTV transition. In Oregon alone there are over 400 stations that broadcast over these low powered translators. While this money has been set aside to assist in upgrading these translators, the wording of the statute did not allow the money to be spent until September of 2010, almost 2 years after the transition. This bill would make these funds available on the day of the transition in February of 2009. It would also give the NTIA the authority to use leftover funds from section 3008 of the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 for grants, contracts, and assistance programs to assist seniors, rural residents, and minorities.

The Digital Television transition is the most sweeping and fundamental change to the television landscape since the advent of color. The advent of color television however, did not require millions of Americans to buy a new television or converter box or risk losing their picture. That fact alone makes the transition to digital television in February of 2009 a tectonic shift in broadcast television.

While this bill is an important fix, many problems still remain. The auctioning off of the newly available spectrum being vacated due to the digital transition has made the government over \$19 billion. Despite this massive

collection of funds, the government has only allocated \$5 million to educate the public about the transition, which is less than 0.03 percent of the \$19 billion in revenue from the auction. The results have been as obvious as they have been preventable. A December 2007 survey by Consumer Reports found that 36 percent of respondents were completely unaware of the transition. How can we tell our constituents that we did everything we could when we spent next to nothing on educating them about the transition?

Instead the Bush Administration has privatized the outreach aspect of the transition, relying on private industry to inform viewers. The results have led to a jumble of different messages from different industries, all looking to benefit from the transition. There are examples of public service announcements supposedly made to inform consumers about the transition instead being thinly veiled advertisements for their own products.

The problems do not stop there. With only a 90 day window to buy convertor boxes before their coupons expire, many rural customers are finding that many stores either do not carry any convertor boxes or they are not carrying a pass through capable convertor box that the customer will need in order to get all of their channels. These customers should not be penalized because of where they live.

Madam Speaker, this bill is an important step but it is only a step. We must do more to ensure that when Americans wake up on February 17th 2009, they are not left in the dark.

#### NATIONAL HIGHWAY BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION AND INSPECTION ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

**HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 23, 2008*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3999) to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve the safety of Federal-aid highway bridges, to strengthen bridge inspection standards and processes, to increase investment in the reconstruction of structurally deficient bridges on the National Highway System, and for other purposes:

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Chairman, I rise in support of H.R. 3999, the National Highway Bridge Reconstruction and Inspection Act.

In February, I joined experts from the Delaware Department of Transportation for a tour of some of the most heavily traveled roads and bridges in Delaware. I have often heard Delaware referred to as "The East Coast's Main Street"—and it is true. In fact, during our tour, we visited construction sites where men and women were working diligently on important highway, infrastructure, and bridge projects that are utilized by an estimated 230,000 vehicles every day.

Over the next 50 years, the United States is projected to add 150 million new residents, representing a 50 percent increase over our present population. This population surge will put a greater strain on our transportation system—particularly at key chokepoints in dense areas like the northeast corridor. And last Au-

gust, the tragic Minneapolis bridge collapse, which killed 13 and injured 145, underscored the serious safety implications of this dramatic increase in highway users when combined with severely aging infrastructure.

Clearly, this situation will continue to deteriorate unless we act soon. For this reason, I support passage of H.R. 3999 and I believe it is vital that we identify and prioritize funding to repair structurally deficient bridges to ensure the safety of all travelers. I also feel strongly that the Federal Government must allow States the appropriate flexibility to allocate these resources as efficiently as possible. I am hopeful that we will make progress in improving these provisions and reducing burdensome spending requirements when this legislation goes to conference with the U.S. Senate.

#### HOUSING AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 23, 2008*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for H.R. 3221, the American Housing Rescue and Foreclosure Act of 2008. I salute Chairman FRANK, Chairman RANGEL and Senator DODD for their leadership and their efforts to pass this crucial legislation at a time when American families desperately need our help.

Families across the country are hurting. They're being squeezed by the price of oil, rising food costs, higher education costs and now the struggle to hold onto their homes. For most Americans their main asset is their home. That's why it is critical to end the foreclosure crisis which is fundamental to the recovery of our economy.

My home State of California has been affected as badly as any State in our country. Foreclosures in the Bay area are at a 20-year high, and in Santa Clara County foreclosures are up 512 percent from a year ago. These troubling figures must change and that's why I support this legislation.

H.R. 3221 aims to bolster American homeownership by helping families across the country facing foreclosure keep their homes. It also takes steps to ensure that homeowners do not face foreclosures in the future. Affordable mortgage loan opportunities for families and seniors are expanded through the modernization of the Federal Housing Administration, with FHA loan limits raised to create affordable mortgage loans for moderately priced homes. A permanent Affordable Housing Trust Fund is also created in this bill which will fund building projects throughout the Nation to increase the stock of affordable housing in both urban and rural areas. Tax credits for first time homebuyers and low income homeowners are also included in this legislation and all of these items are accomplished without creating any new burdens to the taxpayer.

The bill provides a new and substantially strengthened regulator to oversee Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and the Federal Home Loan Banks. It gives stand-in authority to the Treasury Department in case the Government Sponsored Entities, such as Fannie Mae, re-

quire temporary federal financial intervention without placing any new risk on the American taxpayer. This is not a bailout. Taxpayers will be the first in line to be paid back before any shareholders are. Restrictions have been placed on the stock gains for shareholders and on compensation for the executives of the Government Sponsored Entities until taxpayers are fully reimbursed.

I'm proud to support this bill and I urge a "yes" vote on the underlying legislation.

#### THE INTRODUCTION OF THE "PREVENTION OF EQUINE CRUELTY ACT OF 2008"

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to introduce the "Prevention of Equine Cruelty Act of 2008," along with Representatives BURTON, RAHALL, WALTER JONES, MORAN, CHABOT, GRIJALVA, BOBBY SCOTT, CHRISTOPHER SMITH, SCHAKOWSKY, WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, NADLER and SUTTON. This bill criminalizes the possession, sale and transport of horses in interstate or foreign commerce for the purpose of slaughter for human consumption. I thank the bipartisan coalition of Representatives who have joined me in introducing this important legislation.

Horses have played an important role in the development of our country. They still fill the role of workhorses, racehorses, rodeo horses and pets. Unlike cattle and other livestock, horses in this country have never been raised as a human food source.

The United States does not have a single plant where horses are slaughtered for human consumption, but such slaughterhouses operate across our borders in Mexico and Canada. Horses are bought at auctions within the United States and then transported to these foreign slaughterhouses for hours in packed and hot trailers without water, food or rest. The slaughter process that awaits these horses in many of the foreign plants is cruel and barbaric, and exists beyond the reach of United States law.

The only way to prevent horses from suffering this fate is to stop the sale and transport of horses to these foreign slaughterhouses before they leave the United States. This bill will do that.

Again, I thank the bipartisan coalition of Representatives who have joined me in introducing this important legislation.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JUDY BIGGERT**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Mrs. BIGGERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to thank the men and women of the Bureau for their dedicated service to the American people. Over the last century, the FBI has been

an unwavering and powerful force in the ongoing struggle to protect the United States from terrorism and enforce our laws against increasingly sophisticated criminal forces.

Formed in 1908 when then-U.S. Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte asked Stanley W. Finch to lead the Department of Justice's primary investigative division, the FBI began as a relatively small team of 34 Federal agents with no special name or designation. Over time, it grew into a strong and effective leader among U.S. law enforcement organizations.

Today, the FBI has 56 field offices here in the United States, as well as close to 65 legal attaché offices across the world. The Bureau employs roughly 30,000 people, 12,000 of whom are sworn Special Agents. All of these highly-trained men and women deserve our deep gratitude and respect for putting their lives on the line each and every day to protect this country from enemies foreign and domestic. I also would like to express my thanks to FBI Director Robert Mueller for his steadfast leadership of this dedicated group.

My home district, the 13th of Illinois, falls under the jurisdiction of the FBI's Chicago Division. I would especially like to thank the men and women of that office who have dedicated their careers to the protection of individuals and families—including my own—that reside in the Chicago region.

Under the capable leadership of Special Agent In-Charge Robert D. Grant and Assistant Special Agents In-Charge Bob Holly, Mitch Marrone, Bob Shields, Bill Monroe, and Arthur Everett, the highly-regarded Chicago Division has been a powerful force against criminal elements both in the city and throughout northern Illinois.

This Friday, July 25th, the Chicago Field Office will join the Chicago chapter of the FBI Citizen's Academy Alumni Association at Chicago's Navy Pier to celebrate the Bureau's 100-year anniversary. I wish them and all of the other field offices and alumni chapters celebrating this milestone the best as they toast to their past and look forward to future success.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the FBI on the occasion of its 100-year anniversary, and thank the men and women—both those serving today and those who sacrificed so much for us in the past—for their tireless service. Truly, they have fulfilled their duties in accordance with the Bureau's long-held motto of "fidelity, bravery, and integrity."

AMY U. HICKMAN, FINDING SAFE  
HOMES FOR OUR CHILDREN

**HON. RON KLEIN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the tireless efforts of a true local hero, Amy U. Hickman, Esquire.

A long-time Florida resident, Amy earned an Undergraduate and law degree from the University of Florida, then went on to intern for Judge Alcee Hastings, now my friend and colleague in Congress. Since then, Amy has made a name for herself championing adoption legislation improvements.

Amy is known by her peers for her skills as a keen litigator and as THE go-to person for adoption cases.

She had been an associate civil trial litigator at a prestigious South Florida law firm, but Amy chose to devote her career to serving the neediest in our community—our children.

In 1996, Amy co-founded her own practice, with her partner Michelle Hausmann, to specialize in adoption placement, litigation, parental rights and surrogacy.

In 2002, Amy drafted substantial revisions to Florida's adoption law and has successfully lobbied to help children in the Florida legislature.

Amy continues to be a force for positive change. Her career is a testament to her devotion to children that need a home. That is why I nominated Amy as an "angel in Adoption." Her commitment to finding safe homes for our kids is unparalleled. Countless children enjoy a caring childhood, thanks to Amy Hickman. I commend her for her service.

HONORING CHIEF RAY SAMUELS

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Ray Samuels' retirement from the Newark, California Police Department and to honor his thirty-four years of exemplary service in law enforcement.

Chief Samuels began his law enforcement career as a community service officer in 1974 with the city of Vallejo, California. He was promoted to police officer the following year. In 1981 he began an eighteen-year career with the Police Department of Concord, California. During his tenure, Chief Samuels held numerous positions within this organization, including Traffic Bureau Commander and Professional Standards Unit Commander.

In March 1999, Chief Samuels joined the Newark Police Department as a Lieutenant. He was responsible for the Administrative Division, Personnel and Training and the Investigation Division. He was promoted to the rank of Captain three years later in April 2002 and appointed Chief of Police in 2003. He became the seventh Police Chief since the City's 1955 incorporation.

Chief Samuels received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Administration of Justice from Golden Gate University. He is also a graduate of the California Commission of Peace Officer Standards and Training Command College, Boston's Senior Management Institute for Police, and the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Chief Samuel has been instrumental in the implementation of Community Policing strategies while serving the Newark community. He facilitated the reorganization of the Community Services Division, which was designed to improve coordination and enhance the efforts of the code enforcement unit and the patrol division. Chief Samuels was also actively involved in facilitating a unique partnership between the Newark Police Department and the Newark Unified School District. Under his leadership, a three-officer Community Safety Team was developed and began its focus on gang education, intervention, and enforcement in July 2006.

I join the City of Newark in applauding Chief Samuels' leadership within the Newark Police Department and expressing appreciation for his commitment to community service. He has not only guided the Newark Police Department to excellence but has been active in civic and non-profit organizations to make a difference in the lives of others.

HONORING MR. AND MRS. DICK  
AND BETTE GAMEGAN

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dick and Bette Gamegan on the occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary. This is truly a remarkable milestone and I am proud to stand here to recognize this extraordinary couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Gamegan met in high school and quickly became a young couple.

On July 17, 1938, Dick and Bette exchanged wedding vows before relatives and friends at Bette's mother's home in Fresno, California. That hot summer day in Fresno was the start of a union that has spanned seven decades. They spent their honeymoon in Pacific Grove, California where Mr. Gamegan was a golf caddy for the nearby golf course, Pebble Beach.

Mr. Gamegan's later position as a sales manager for the Sears Department Store moved the couple to several different cities across the Nation. Wherever his career would take them, they happily acclimated to each new place and shared the journey that each new city presented.

After working for the Sears Company, Mr. Gamegan purchased and operated Gibbel Hardware Store in California's Central Valley. After his retirement in 1972, the couple made their home in the mountains of Coarsegold, California where they currently reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Gamegan's family includes a daughter, Karen, and one granddaughter.

Over the years, Mr. and Mrs. Gamegan have traveled extensively throughout the world and have shared countless memories together. Since their honeymoon trip to Pacific Grove, the two have been enthusiastic to visit as many places as possible.

In addition to their strong commitment to one another, Mr. and Mrs. Gamegan have shared a tireless dedication for community involvement in their area. They are outstanding community leaders and strong advocates in many worthwhile causes.

Dick and Bette Gamegan have served actively on many neighborhood organizations and projects. Mr. Gamegan is an active member of the Lions and Kiwanis Club. In addition to other charitable work, Mrs. Gamegan served on the Los Ninos Guild for many years, which raised money to benefit the local children's hospital.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gamegan on their 70th wedding anniversary. I invite my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable couple on their special milestone and to wish them many more years of happiness.

TRIBUTE TO YOUTH AND SHELTER  
SERVICES OF MARSHALL COUNTY

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Youth and Shelter Services of Marshall County, Iowa, on celebrating their 25th anniversary and to express my appreciation for their commitment to providing services to Iowa's youth and their families.

Over 25 years, Youth and Shelter Services has grown from just a one person staff to sixteen employees today. They began serving as a youth and run-away service but now serve school-based and home programs, which includes foster care and those on welfare as well. The agency has turned part of their focus towards prevention services to help children avoid making poor choices.

I commend Youth and Shelter Services for continuing to provide a safety net for children and dedicated service to the Marshall County community. It is an honor to represent Director David Hicks, and all current and former members of the Youth and Shelter Services team, in the United States Congress, and I wish them continued success in their future service to Marshall County youth.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably absent on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 22 and 23, 2008, on very urgent business. Had I been present for the twelve votes which occurred on Tuesday and Wednesday, I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 6493, Rollcall vote No. 512; I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 1311, Rollcall vote No. 513; I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 1202, Rollcall vote No. 514; I would have voted "no" on the Motion to Adjourn, Rollcall vote No. 515; I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 1363, Rollcall vote No. 516; I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 1363, Rollcall vote No. 517; I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 6532, Rollcall vote No. 518; I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 3221, Rollcall vote No. 519; I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 6545, Rollcall vote No. 520; I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 6545, Rollcall vote No. 521; I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 1344, Rollcall vote No. 522; I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 1344, Rollcall vote No. 523.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to explain my reason for missing votes on July 22 and July 23, 2008. My voting percentage is over 96% for the 110th

and I rarely miss votes, but there are certain family events that cannot be missed, and for that reason, I was in Houston for the birth of our newest grandson. I am proud to report the newest grandson, as well as mother, father, and the rest of the family are doing fine.

Had I been present for votes, I would have voted as follows:

On rollcall vote No. 523, H. Res. 1344, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3999—The National Highway Bridge Reconstruction and Inspection Act, I would have voted "aye;"

On rollcall vote No. 522, H. Res. 1344, On Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule for H.R. 3999—The National Highway Bridge Reconstruction and Inspection Act (H.Res.1344) I would have voted "aye;"

On rollcall vote No. 521, H.R. 6535, Table Motion to Reconsider, National Energy Security Intelligence Act of 2008, I would have voted "aye;"

On rollcall vote No. 520, H.R. 6535, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, National Energy Security Intelligence Act of 2008, I would have voted "aye;"

On rollcall vote No. 519, H.R. 3221, Concur in Senate Amendment with House Amendment, Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2008, I would have voted "aye;"

On rollcall vote No. 518, H.R. 6532, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore the Highway Trust Fund balance, I would have voted "aye;"

On rollcall vote No. 517, H. Res. 1363, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendments to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3221, to provide needed housing reform and for other purposes, I would have voted "aye;"

On rollcall vote No. 516, H. Res. 1363, On Ordering the Previous Question, Providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendments to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3221, to provide needed housing reform and for other purposes, I would have voted "aye;"

On rollcall vote No. 515, On Motion to Adjourn, I would have voted "nay;"

On rollcall vote No. 514, H. Res. 1202, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Guard Youth Challenge Day, I would have voted "aye;"

On rollcall vote No. 513, H. Res. 1311, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, Expressing support for the designation of National GEAR UP Day, I would have voted "aye;"

On rollcall vote No. 512, H.R. 6493, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, Aviation Safety Enhancement Act of 2008, I would have voted "aye."

CONGRATULATIONS TO RANDY  
SMITH

**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize Randy M. Smith, the CEO/President of Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union, on his recent

election to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU).

For the past 21 years, Mr. Smith has dedicated his life to improving financial institutions in America, serving on the Credit Union Oversight Task Force of the Campaign for Consumer Choice, NAFCU's Legislative, Regulatory and Accounting Standards Committees and various committees of state and national credit union organizations. Currently, he is a member of the Air Education and Training Command's Community Council and the Board of Trustees of the local United Way. I am also very proud to say that he is a fellow retired officer of the United States Air Force.

As the President/CEO, Mr. Smith has focused on strengthening the way Randolph-Brooks delivers services aimed at improving the economic well being and quality of life of its members. Consistently ranked among the top 25 of the nearly 8,300 financial cooperatives, Randolph-Brooks is one of the strongest credit unions in the country with more than 265,000 members and total assets exceeding \$3 billion. Randolph-Brooks FCU was originally chartered in 1952 to serve personnel at Randolph Air Force Base but has since expanded to include employees and associates at more than 1,300 select groups and eight underserved communities in the San Antonio and Austin areas. Randolph-Brooks FCU prides itself on doing more than just conducting business in the communities they serve, instead becoming members of the community and sharing in the credit union philosophy of "people helping people." With this in mind, Randolph-Brooks provides assistance to hundreds of local charitable organizations including the Children's Miracle Network, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, USO, American Red Cross, and the Fisher House Foundation.

It is because of the good work of Mr. Smith and others like him that credit unions across the Nation have had such a tremendous impact of the lives of millions of Americans. Such service is the hallmark of the credit union movement and I know that he will bring this dedication to his service on the NAFCU Board of Directors. I wish Mr. Smith the best of luck in this new role and I look forward to working with him in this new capacity.

INTRODUCTION OF THE JAMES  
ZADROGA 9/11 HEALTH AND COM-  
PENSATION ACT

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, today, along with my colleagues, Mr. NADLER, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. TOWNS, and Mr. WEINER, I am introducing an updated version of the 9/11 Health and Compensation Act, which we had introduced previously in this Congress as H.R. 3543.

After conferring with Speaker PELOSI and the leadership of both committees of jurisdiction, it became clear that some changes were needed in the legislation in order to sharpen the scope of the proposal, so that the House could consider taking up the bill by the seventh anniversary of 9/11.

This bill is our best attempt, working with the City of New York, the AFL-CIO, and the local community, to put forth a bill that the House could approve, and that would also provide medical monitoring to all who are at risk of illness because of exposure to Ground Zero toxins and treatment to all who are sick, as well as compensating those who sustained economic injuries due to their exposure to Ground Zero toxins. We believe that the revised James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act does just that.

#### THE TURKISH MILITARY OCCUPATION OF NORTHERN CYPRUS MUST END

**HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, the illegal Turkish occupation of the northern region of the sovereign state of Cyprus began 34 years ago, and continues to this day.

It must end, and Turkey must remove its forces from Cyprus' territory.

Very commendable efforts are underway by the Cypriot government to achieve a reunification of Cyprus. Meetings are being held with the designated representative for the Turkish Cypriot community to discuss ways to create a federal structure that will ensure the rights and freedoms of all the people of Cyprus.

But, just as the continued illegal occupation of northern Cyprus has to end, Turkey has to play a constructive role in supporting the talks on reunification. In that regard, it is simply not helpful to have Turkish military displays in northern Cyprus, marking the anniversary of the occupation, as took place this past weekend.

It is time for the barricades to come down, for the people who had been forced from their homes decades ago to return, for those who remain missing from the time of the invasion to be accounted for, and for freedom and economic prosperity to be allowed to spread across the beautiful island-country of Cyprus.

I note the anniversary of the Turkish military invasion of Cyprus with great disappointment that the Turkish military continues its illegal occupation.

But I remain hopeful that the voices that are calling for peace and reunification of Cyprus will be heard and will prevail.

Just as the ongoing talks have already led to the reopening of Ledra Street, a key thoroughfare in Nicosia that had been closed for over 40 years, those talks can lead to reunification of all of Cyprus itself, if Turkey takes steps that will support that.

#### MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON S. 2062, NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

**HON. DAN BOREN**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 17, 2008*

Mr. BOREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in response to statements made on July 17, 2008 referencing the Cherokee Nation and the Freedmen citizenship issue in discussions on the NAHASDA bill. The Cherokee Nation is the second-largest Indian nation within U.S. borders with 280,000 citizens. I represent the largest number of Cherokees in any Congressional District—more than 95,000—and I am proud to serve as their Congressman.

I believe that, regardless of what one thinks about the merits, this is an issue for the courts, and Congress should stay out of the litigation. A current federal court case in Washington, D.C. involving these issues was filed five years ago. Last year, more than 300 people filed suit over these same issues in Cherokee Nation tribal courts. We in Congress need to let the courts do their work without interfering. The Bureau of Indian Affairs similarly has said it will take no action until the courts decide. I cannot help but note the irony that we in Congress or any legislative body generally do all we can to avoid getting involved with litigation until it is finally resolved. This issue should be treated no differently.

That is why I have worked with Chairman FRANK and others to craft compromise language that would allow the Cherokee Nation to continue receiving federal funds until the courts decide. It is not a perfect solution, as I would prefer this Congress avoid establishing the precedent that it is permissible to punish a single tribe for an internal decision. That is a dangerous slippery slope that will ultimately undermine the very meaning of sovereignty when it comes to all Indian tribes.

There is another sad irony here; if the Cherokee Nation were to lose these funds, thousands of my constituents would be hurt, including the Freedmen descendants who have been recently reinstated in the tribe and who are also my constituents. I appreciate the fact that efforts have been aimed at helping them, but the reality of the legislation falls short of that goal if funding were ever to be cut.

The consequences of losing this federal housing funding would be real, damaging and lasting. In 2008 alone, this would mean more than \$30 million. Without it, more than 7,000

low-income Cherokee families would lose their federal housing assistance. Many would lose their homes, precipitating a housing crisis in eastern Oklahoma. The State, which is already stretched, would be forced to pick up the slack. How tragic it would be if the U.S. Congress were once again responsible for removing Native Americans from their homes. Truly, the most responsible and prudent thing we can do is wait for the tribal and federal courts to decide these issues first.

#### TRIBUTE TO CONLEY NELSON

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Conley Nelson of Algona, Iowa, for his appointment to the National Pork Board.

Conley was one of five people appointed to the 15-member board at the World Pork Expo at the Iowa State Fairgrounds and will serve a three year term. The National Pork Board, which was created by Congress as part of the Pork Promotion, Research and Consumer Information Act of 1985, is designed to develop budgets and award contracts to carry out projects that bring pork into the marketplace.

Conley is the general manager of the Murphy-Brown LLC Midwest operation. His large-scale operation includes 89,000 sows and markets 3.7 million hogs a year. In addition, he owns a 4,400 head wean-to-finish operation. Conley is a member of the National Checkoff's Pork Leadership Academy and serves on the Iowa Pork Producers board of directors, its Audit Committee, the Membership and Leadership Committees and the Swine Health and Animal Well-Being Committees. He is also a member of both the Kossuth County Pork Producers and Humboldt County Farm Bureau. Conley's broad range of experience and involvement in the pork industry certainly has earned him a position on the National Pork Board, and I am eager to see him excel in his role of helping pork producers across the country.

I commend Conley Nelson for his dedication to his work and congratulate him on his new nomination. I consider it an honor to represent Conley in the United States Congress, and I wish him great success while serving on the National Pork Board.